

REMARKS

The above amendments are submitted within the three-month period for response to the Final Office Action mailed May 1, 2006 and in connection with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Authorization to charge the \$790.00 requisite fee is hereby included in the Electronic Fee Sheet attached. Reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims are respectfully requested.

In the subject Office Action, claims 1-4, 8-21, 24-29, 59-66, 70-84, 87-91 and 93 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2003/0212611 A1 to Barrott et al. (Barrott). In addition, claims 22-23, 29 and 85-86 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Barrott in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,696,366 to Ziarno (Ziarno).

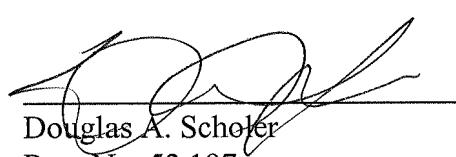
Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's rejections to the extent that they are maintained. Applicants have amended claims 1, 59, 70 and 93. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter is being added by the above amendments, as the amendments are fully supported in the specification, drawings and claims as originally filed.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the courtesy extended to Applicants' representative on July 31, 2006 in the form of a telephonic interview. During that interview, the current amendments were discussed, and the Examiner indicated that they would overcome the current rejections and cited prior art.

As such, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are novel and non-obvious over the prior art of record. Reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims are therefore respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions regarding the foregoing, or which might otherwise further this case onto allowance, the Examiner may contact the undersigned at (513) 241-2324. Moreover, if any other charges or credits are necessary to complete this communication, please apply them to Deposit Account 23-3000.

Respectfully submitted,

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